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SUBJECT: OTAIBA VISIT

REF: (A) ABU DHABI 2069 (NOTAL); (B) ABU DHABI 2090 (NOTAL)

1. THE SECRETARY HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE UAE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM MANI AL OTAIBA ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, AT 4:00 PM. EMBASSY ABU DHABI SHOULD CONVEY THIS MESSAGE TO APPROPRIATE UAEG AUTHORITIES AND DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS OF OTAIBA IN TOKYO SO THAT MESSAGE CAN BE RELAYED TO HIM IF NECESSARY BY EMBASSY TOKYO. ONCE WE HAVE CONFIRMATION THAT OTAIBA WILL BE IN WASHINGTON AT THAT TIME, WE WILL SEEK TO WORK OUT PROGRAM OF APPOINTMENTS FOR HIM TO CALL ON OTHER APPROPRIATE USG OFFIALS. EMBASSY ABU DHABI SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT IT OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT OTAIBA IS COMING TO US ON PRIVATE VISIT.

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2. FOR TOKYO- IF OTAIBA PLANS TO STOP IN US, KHALIL

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ABUNI, A PALESTINIAN AND PLO MEMBER WHO IS ACCOMPANYING OTAIBA MAY APPLY FOR VISA (REF B). DEPARTMENT IS EXPEDITING APPLICATION FOR WAIVER AND HOPES CONVEY DECISION SHORTLY.

3. FOR PARIS: SINCE OTAIBA IS SCHEDULED TO GIVE AN ADDRESS IN PARIS ON NOVEMBER 5, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE TO ASK EMBASSY TO PASS ON TO HIM INFORMATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS REGARDING HIS VISIT TO US. UAE EMBASSY IN PARIS SHOULD KNOW OF HIS WHEREABOUTS WHILE THERE.

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